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Year of the Ministry

TWO VETERAN MINISTERS ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT

Ralph Putnam, St. Helens Pastor, Retires January 1

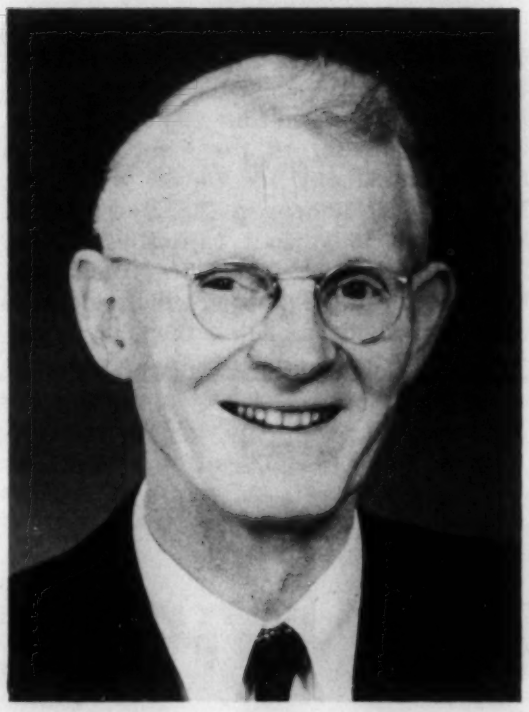
Ralph L. Putnam, minister at St. Helens, Oregon, has resigned his pastorate of five years and seven months and is retiring January 1, 1957, after having served in Oregon churches for 45 years.

Ralph is a native of California. He was born on a farm near Lockeford, September 30, 1888. His boyhood days were spent on his Grandfather Messenger's place near Valley Springs and his early teens on a farm near Visalia. He entered high school at Visalia. During his high school days he became a Christian and active leader in the First Christian Church in Visalia. It was during this period Ralph dedicated his life to the ministry.

Through the advice of his wonderful friend, Will H. Brown, founder of the Loyal Movement, he was induced to enter Eugene Bible University in the fall of 1911. His preaching career began as a student, January 1912, at the Riverview Schoolhouse near Junction City. Shortly after, he became student pastor of the church at Scio.

Ralph met Edith Von Behren of Aumsville at E.B.U. in 1912; they were married in June the next year. Their family has been blessed by the addition of three daughters.

Before his graduation from E.B.U. Ralph answered the call to be full-time student pastor at Aumsville, and after his graduation, in 1915, he served the church at Stayton and the Kingston church, across the Santiam River from Stayton. Other churches served in order are Forest Grove, Court Street of Salem,



RALPH PUTNAM

Turner (organized by him while at Salem), La Grande, Gladstone, Hillsboro, Corbett, Sellwood of Portland, Central of Portland as assistant pastor, Yamhill, and St. Helens.

His ministry at Forest Grove was cut short by World War I, when he resigned in the spring of 1918 to serve at Y.M.C.A. secretary with the Spruce Division of Vancouver for the duration of the war.

Mr. Putnam served on the State Board as recording secretary for several years when C. F. Swander as state secretary.

The Putnams will be making their home at 1802 S.W. 48th Street in Portland, and they will be fellowshipping with the Kern Park Christian Church.

Elmer Gilstrap Closes Ministry at Medford

Ellmore J. Gilstrap, minister at Central Church of Christ in Medford, preached his last sermon in the capacity of regular pastor on November 11. He is retiring after 45 years in the ministry.

Mr. Gilstrap, who was pastor of the Medford church for nearly four years, plans to visit relatives and then return to the Turner Memorial Home at Turner, Oregon, next sumer to make his home. He, with his wife, Mary, started the home for retired ministers in 1933.

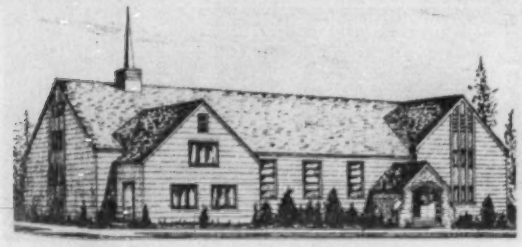
Mr. Gilstrap is a graduate of the International Christian Bible College, now the Minneapolis Bible College, and was field secretary of Eugene Bible University, now Northwest Christian College, for six years.

In 1933 he led in organizing and incorporating the Turner Memorial Home, a cottage home for retired ministers of Christian Churches. He was one of the trustees for the home and was superintendent there for 17 years. During that time his wife was matron at the home.

When the board of trustees of the Turner Memorial Home learned that Mr. Gilstrap was planning to retire, they voted to provide a home for the Gilstraps. The home is now partly built and will be finished next summer.

After leaving Medford they plan to visit their four daughters in Fresno, California; Houston, Texas; Chicago, Illinois; and Boise, Idaho.

Church of the Month . . Allison Park



Allison Park Church Celebrates Fifth Birthday

Allison Park Christian Church in Eugene is singled out for special recognition as **Church of the Month** for December. It is one of the several churches in the state to receive substantial monthly contributions from the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, to speed its growth toward self-sufficiency.

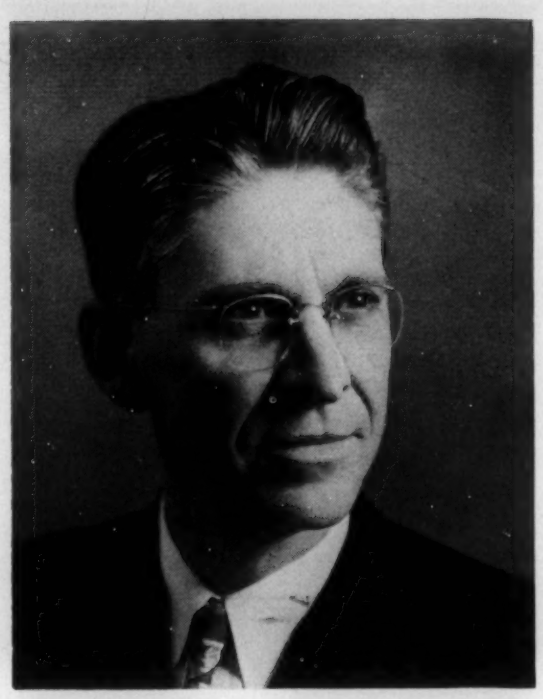
The Allison Park Church was begun by the cooperation of several Sunday school classes of the First Christian Church of Eugene. (One was Mom Day's class.) The first Sunday school began October 14, 1951, with an attendance of 30. Housing for the church and Sunday school was provided by a remodeled dwelling donated by Frank Kinney, a Eugene realtor and member of the First Christian Church of Eugene.

At present the church has a resident membership of 130 and a Sunday school enrollment of 189.

A feature of Allison Park's fifth birthday celebration, held November 18, was a special birthday offering brought by the boys and girls to be applied on the new building site. This site is an acre on Echo Hollow Road just opposite the new Willamette Junior High School. This acre was platted in small portions and sold to boys and girls, men and women, Bible school classes, and visitors at four dollars each. All but $650 had been subscribed up to the time of the birthday program and it was expected that the birthday would see the remainder brought in.

Other events of the birthday program were sacred musical numbers sung by the Northwest Christian College Girls' Trio; a potluck dinner, including a birthday cake as dessert; greetings by Dr. C. C. Roberts, pastor of the First Christian Church and by Charles Addleman, executive secretary of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society; recognition of charter members; and final report on the giving toward the "lot fund."

Orville F. Mick is pastor of the Allison Park Church. He came to this ministry in February 1956, from the church at Dallas, where he served four and a half years. He was minister to the First Christian Church in Albany for eleven years. Mr. Mick is well known in the state, for he has served in various capacities on the State Board. Probably there is no Christian Church in the state in which he would not be recognized. Altogether his ministerial experience amounts to 33 years, at various churches in the Pacific Northwest.



ORVILLE F. MICK, minister of Allison Park Christian Church. Incidentally, no picture of the Allison Park building is available at present, says Mr. Mick.

He earned the degrees of A.B. and B.D. at Northwest Christian College, and he has studied at the University of Oregon, University of Redlands, and Union Theological Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Mick, who have been married for 33 years, have a family of three children, all of them grown. The elder of their two boys is a teacher in the Salem school system.

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JOHN DAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, with Hugh Foster, its minister, is pictured here. The picture was intended to accompany last month's Church of the Month, John Day Christian Church, but the picture missed the publication deadline.

Plans and Progress in Evangelism

District One Sets Area Evangelism Program

District One — Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas and Columbia Counties— has begun a comprehensive evangelism program with the Jones-Keister Evangelism Team. This campaign will be the greatest evangelistic effort in the Portland area that the Christian Churches have ever known. This plan is a part of the work of the Evangelism Commission of the state of which Gene Robinson of La Grande is chairman.

Medford Jones and Dorothy Keister held a series of four set-up meetings on October 22 and 23, 1956, at the Hillsboro, Mallory Avenue, Oregon City, and Parkrose churches to present the program to the churches of the vicinity. At these meetings some of the churches were able to set the goals for the great Decision Day on Sunday, April 7, 1957.

According to the plan a victory rally for all the churches of the district will be held on Sunday evening, April 7. A week of preaching meetings with Medford Jones speaking each night and Miss Dorothy Keister leading the music and the children's work will be held at Mallory Avenue Christian Church for all to share, the week of April 8-12. During this week workshop classes will be held for adult and children's teachers. Congregations will have preaching in their own churches the following week, April 14-19, just prior to Easter Sunday, April 21.

Mr. Jones will be in the area during the week of January 27 - February 1, 1957, to hold set-up meetings with the local congregations. The churches of the district are now working on their prospect rolls and beginning the preliminary cultivation.

Ministers Wives Plan Luncheon at Parliament

Oregon ministers' wives are invited to attend a luncheon during the Preachers Parliament in Eugene, Wednesday noon, January 16. This is the announcement made by Mrs. Charles Knox (Heppner), secretary of the Oregon Minister's Wives Association.

Mrs. William Siefke will be the guest speaker, telling of the joys and blessings of being a preacher's wife and giving some details of her trip this past summer. The price of the luncheon and the place of meeting will be announced at a later date.

Mrs. Knox says, "We want the wives to know that something of special interest to them is being planned if they can attend the Parliament with their husbands."

GOSPEL FOUR QUARTET: left to right: Ed Jones, first tenor; Ken Monson, second tenor; Jim Barton, baritone; Bob Van Meetren, bass.

Evangelistic Meeting Brings 125 Additions at St. Johns

The St. Johns Christian Church in Portland has had a great period of evangelism resulting in many additions to the church. A comprehensive evangelism program directed by Ed Eldridge, field representative of Northwest Christian College, culminated on Decision Day, November 4, 1956. Beginning on November 4, a two-weeks meeting was held with the Gospel Four quartet of Rockford, Illinois, bringing the music and Jess W. Johnson, minister, doing the preaching. As a result of the work 125 decisions for Christ were made.

The second week of the meeting special nights were featured. Monday, November 12, was fill-a-row night. Mrs. Clara Barnes received a copy of LETTER TO YOUNG CHURCHES for having the most people present—27. Tuesday, November 13, was home talent night, featuring extra special musical numbers from the local church. Wednesday night everybody celebrated his birthday with a decorated cake for each month. Thursday was Bible school night with a great representation from each class in the Bible school in attendance at the meeting. Friday was concert night with the quartet giving a half-hour concert before the regular meeting.

The congregation is also looking forward to sharing in the state evangelism program in the Jones-Keister program which culminates this spring.

Oregon Council of Churches Pushes Evangelism

For several years church leaders of Oregon were aware of the fact that church membership in this state was lagging behind the national average. But they were not prepared for the announcement recently made by the National Council of Churches that Oregon stands lowest in church membership in the whole nation.

Efforts in evangelism have been stepped up by all denominations in recent years to try to reach unchurched people in the state. In spite of a more concerted drive, the increase in membership in 1955 in Oregon was less than 4 per cent.

Every Protestant denomination is concerned and busy with plans to develop an active program of evangelism, with particular emphasis on visitation evangelism, in which large numbers of lay people are used.

A major outreach into various communities has just been completed by the Oregon Council of Churches, in cooperation with the Christian churches, in one-day training institutes for ministers and lay people in evangelism. Dr. Jesse M. Bader, formerly director of evangelism for the National Council of Churches, and at present general secretary of the World Convention of the Church of Christ (Disciples), covered the state, in company with Dr. Ross J. Griffeth of Eugene and Dr. Mark A. Talney of Portland, directing institutes in visitation and other forms of evangelism.

The itinerary followed by Dr. Bader and his associates was as follows: November 25, LaGrande; November 26, Pendleton; November 27, The Dalles; November 28, Redmond; November 29, Eugene; November 30, Roseburg; December 2, Grants Pass; December 3, Tillamook; December 4, Portland.

DR. JESSE M. BADER

Year of the Ministry: Recruit, Educate, Sustain

CONSERVING THE MINISTRY

During this Year of the Ministry three important phases are before us. These three are: Recruit, Educate and Sustain.

RECRUIT

Recruitment is very important, and it must be the responsibility of each local congregation. We cannot leave it to chance; it should be the responsibility of the church just the same manner as evangelism. We should use the selective, or individual personal contact.

The total picture of the ministry in all its various phases must be placed before our young people. It must be based on more than just the emotional appeal. We might conserve more of our ministers if they understood better what the call to the ministry is. We need to challenge our best youth by the fruits of the ministry, but we should not cover up some of the problems. Let us be sensible in this work of recruitment.

EDUCATE

The education of the ministry becomes a matter and responsibility of the cooperative thinking of the churches. A local church may recruit, but it cannot effectively educate him without the help of others. A minister's usefulness and effectiveness depends much upon where and how he is educated.

Naturally, we expect the colleges and seminaries related to our Board of Higher Education to turn out ministers fully equipped for the task before them. This education must include not only Bible learning and ability to preach, but training in attitude, understanding and convictions about our total cooperative brotherhood life.

A minister without any knowledge of church organization at the local, state, national, and world level will not be able to make a very great contribution to the total church of our day. After all, the average church follows the leadership of her minister. If and when he is unprepared to serve the church in this wider ministry, he retards the total church program.

This ineffective preparation becomes a problem to the state secretary, for when a church changes ministers, he keeps his fingers crossed until he sees whether the new leader is fully trained in his work. He well knows the heartbreaks caused in churches by poorly educated ministers.

It is the responsibility of the college and seminary to educate the ministry to help meet the needs and opportunities at the local, state, and national level. One way to conserve the ministry is fully educate him in the total matters of the church.

SUSTAIN

The sustaining of the ministry is a concern and responsibility of the entire church. We fully recognize that the minister is as human as others in the church. He has his faults and weaknesses. He is not above temptation and failure.

Yet with all of this, the church must help conserve and sustain the ministry. The local church must recognize that the minister gave at least seven years of his life preparing for his task. He should be called to minister to a church as more than the hired man, flunky, or taxi driver.

He is expected to live, dress, and meet the level of his community. He cannot do it unless he is paid a salary comparable to his training. The church is not the place to drive for bargains where the best is wanted at the cheapest salary.

The church must sustain the ministry by decent salaries and living quarters, by cooperation in the program, by vision and sacrifice.

Even in the face of a shortage in the ministry we are losing good men, for they get so discouraged that they refuse to take it any longer. I have had two good men come to me recently stating they were thinking of taking up another type of work just because of some of the things mentioned above. We must help sustain them by sharing in the ePnsion Fund Plan of our brotherhood.

May we take a new look at the ministry and really go out to Recruit, Educate, and Sustain the ministry. As we accomplish this we will not only Conserve the Ministry, but we will Conserve the Church as well.

Chas. H. Addleman

NEWS and PICTURE

DEADLINE

December 15

Heppner Church Dedicates New Parsonage

The Heppner Christian Church now has a parsonage, which was dedicated October 14. It is four-bedroom home of spacious dimensions. Two of the bedrooms are 10 by 12.6 feet; one is 9 by 12 feet; and one is 11 by 13 feet. The living room, 15 by 22 feet, has an Arizona sandstone fireplace. The kitchen is 12 by 21 feet; there is a fruit room 4 by 6 feet. The bathroom is 7 by 10 feet. The garage, which is attached to the house, is 14 by 24 feet. The living room opens into the large back yard, which is being landscaped.

The congregation had anticipated that the house alone would cost $14,000. However, the house, plus the fireplace and garage and all new sidewalks with a 12-foot wide approach to the garage and concrete floor to the garage, was constructed for $12,700.

Pension Fund Presents New Book to Ministers of Brotherhood

"For the Support of the Ministry" is the title of a new book written by William Martin Smith especially for the "Year of the Ministry." It deals with one of the early issues that threatened our brotherhood. Mr. Smith tells the interesting story of the development of ministerial support from pioneer days to the present. The book includes the history of support for the aged, disabled, orphaned, and widowed of the ministry by committees on relief appointed by State and National Conventions, as well as the Pension Fund and its predecessor, The Board of Ministerial Relief.

The Pension Fund is presenting the book as a gift to located ministers as a special help for the Year of the Ministry. Copies were mailed in November to ministers serving churches. The Pension Fund is anxious that no minister who regularly serves a church be missed with this gift and is therefore asking that any who have not received a copy please make this fact known to the Pension Fund.

Northwest Christian College

—By Ross J. Griffeth

During November most of the materials to be used in finishing the new library building arrived on the job. The work is progressing rapidly and the building will be in use sometime during the winter term.

The need for funds continues because bills have to be paid and there are many new calls for improvements and the continuance of the regular educational program.

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Charles Betts, advisory architect of the Board of Church Extension, will again give a course on Church Architecture during the winter term. The dates for this course are January 21-25, 1957. Any interested persons are invited to enroll for the course. The classes will be held in the late afternoon. For further information, write to the College.

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The Northwest Preachers Parliament is to be held in Eugene on January 15, 16, 17, 1957. Dean S. J. England of the College of the Bible, Phillips University, is to be the New Testament Lecturer. He introduced this series of lectures in 1946 when he gave a series on "The Apostolic Church."

Since the Oregon preachers will, in a very real way, be hosts to ministers from other states, it is hoped that all within Oregon can be present for the lectures.

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Jack Sutton is to conduct a series of classes at Northwest Christian College in cooperation with various congregations of the area near the College. These classes will be held February 17-21, 1957. More detailed announcement will be made soon. Those who know Jack Sutton's abilities in presenting challenges to Christians will be glad to put aside other matters in order to be in his classes.

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In order to continue the services of Ruth Reynolds as Director of the Religious Education Practicum, it has been necessary to set the dates for the next Practicum on March 25—April 5, 1957. This is a bit later than usual. The Practicum is open to any who wish to improve their abilities in working with children in the church.

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JEAN MARSH is shown here in the center of a group of students during a recent social event.

Although the social life of Northwest Christian College does not play the dominant role in the lives of the students, it is very important. During a recent social event, someone snapped the accompanying picture as the clock shows, at 10 P.M. Jean Marsh of the Kern Park Christian Church, Portland, happened to be in the center of the picture.

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Now is the time for church leaders to encourage young people of the senior class in high school to get in contact with Northwest Christian College about enrolling here next year. Remember, any young person, regardless of vocational objective, is entitled to at least one year of Christian college education. For information about application for admission procedures, write to Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon.

YOUR FRIENDS NEED

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Lynnette Rhay is Featured in National Publication

Mrs. Lynnette Rhay, minister of Christian Education at First Christian Church in Eugene, was featured in a recent issue of the "Christian Advocate", a Methodist publication. The three-page article with accompanying photographs was entitled, "She Teaches Children as Well as Lessons"; it related many of her experiences as a teacher of children through the years in the various pastorates held by her minister husband, Oakley Rhay, in the White Swan Indian Mission, and in the laboratory schools in which she has taken leadership.

At the present time, Mrs. Rhay is a member of the staff of Northwest Christian College, where she teachers classes in religious education, in addition to her duties with the First Christian Church. She is also active on the state Children's Work Committee. This article in the September 20 issue of the "Christian Advocate" is a tribute to her outstanding teaching as well as to her own gracious Christian personality.

PLAN FOR MISSIONARY EDUCATION

As a part of the missionary study on "Southeast Asia" for 1956-57, four new books are available. **"Second Son"**, by McDowell, for primary children, and **Ricardo's Search,** by Grace McGavran, for juniors, are exciting stories of children in the Philippine Islands.

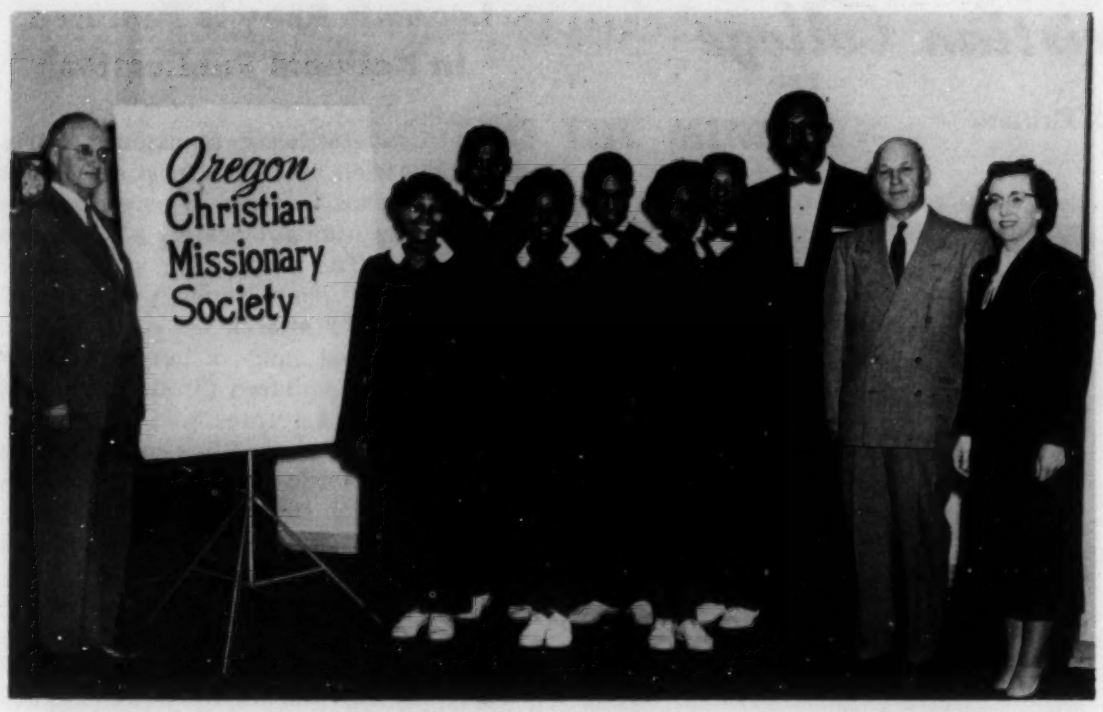
Day after Tomorrow transports the junior high group across the Pacific to life among teen-age youth in Malaya, Taiwan, Burma, the Philippines, Thailand, and Micronesia.

Give and Take, the senior high text, recounts experiences of young people in a work camp in Southeast Asia, and points up the fact that there are no insuperable barriers to understanding where Christian fellowship is strong.

Adults may study **The Chuch in Southeast Asia,** learning something of the problems and opportunities facing the church in Southeast Asia.

Each book has a guide for the leader to accompany the study. Order the books for classes in School of World Friendship, weekday sessions, or Sunday evening groups.

CORRECTION: The minister at Curtin is Mills Harriman, instead of Charles Hill, as erroneously reported in the November issue of the **Oregon Christian.** Also the Stegmiller first name is Lea instead of Ted.



Robert Gainer Photo

Members of the choir reading from left to right front row: Mrs. Clarence H. Brooks, Lynstra Tabbs, Edna Tabbs; back row: Webster Flemmins, Charles Brown, John Turner, and Director Clarence H. Brooks. Josephine Anderson was with the choir most of the time, but was called home because of illness in her family. Loma Mae Jones, Director of Christian Education, and Chas. H. Addleman, Executive Secretary, represented the Society. The State Convention was represented by Lyle Nosler, who appears in the picture at right. The Convention was represented in other meetings by A. L. Webb, president, Kenneth Johnston, and Edwin Dewees.

CONVENTION ON WHEELS A GREAT SUCCESS

The Convention on Wheels held in sixteen centers across the state was a real success. There was an excellent representation from many of our congregations; 4675 persons attended the meetings. This offered an excellent opportunity to tell of our new Oregon Christian Missionary Society, its program, and budget as approved by the board of directors.

As you know, the new Society is the avenue whereby congregations can cooperate and together make a more forceful witness for Christ, or in other words, "Do together that which we cannot do effectively by ourselves." Our fifteen per cent of the offerings paid all our expenses, including both travel and promotional materials.

Your state staff is very happy over the fine manner in which the whole program was accepted. The Wings Over Jordan choir made a wonderful contribution to the meetings. We feel they served as messengers of good will. Since nearly all the Negro population of the state is centered in Portland, it was really a new experience for many of our communities to have this fine choir in their churches and in their homes.

Your Director Reports

For the period from October 15 to November 15: Served as teacher in the Portland Church Life Institute, 15-17; Convention on Wheels: Oct. 18-Nov. 1; Office: Nov. 2-15.

Through the Convention on Wheels, it was my privilege to lift up the services which the Education Commission, working through its five committees and me, seeks to provide for the churches. It was a privilege to meet so many of you, and to find such gracious hospitality each evening in your homes.

It was good to find folk interested in doing a better job of Christian education in the church. Everywhere leaders are realizing the need for each person—child, youth, or adult—to develop a personal relationship to God and faith in Christ, and to grow in the understanding, attitudes, and skills of Christian living—and that the task demands the **best** and most dedicated of leadership.

As I write, we are looking forward to the World Felowship Youth Meets, to be held in seven churches throughout the state. Hours of preparation have been given to them by the local directors and the churches who are entertaining the Meets.

It was my privilege recently to attend a workshop on Junior Day Camping. The days were spent in as close an approximation of the child's day camp as possible, while the evenings were used to discuss program, leaders, health and safety, business management, home and parent relationships. The experience of living six to eight hours a day on consecutive days with a small group, working, playing, exploring, and worshiping together was a deeply enriching experience in living with others as Christians, and discovering how the teachings of Jesus apply to specific personal relationships. I will be happy to conusel with churches interested in this kind of experience for their boys and girls.

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New Policy on Loans from Permanent Fund

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society it was voted to follow the pattern of the Board of Church Extension and have the entire board vote on loans upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. This may cause some to wait longer for their loans.

If any church is considering asking for a loan from the Permanent Fund, its requests should be in on or before the board meeting early in January, the week following Easter, and just preceding the State Convention. This is the procedure: you apply to the State office for an application form, fill it out, and get it into the State Office before the time of board meeting.

Chas. H. Addleman

Puerto Ricans Give to Missions

Missionary giving by Puerto Rican Christians in 1955 helped to support work in several other countries. The gifts, through The United Christian Missionary Society, were reported at $2,000.

YOUR FRIENDS NEED THE OREGON CHRISTIAN SEND THEM 12 ISSUES

YOUTH WEEK - 1957

The observance of Youth Week can be one of the church's most significant annual events. The theme chosen for the week is "Consider Your Call". Scheduled from January 27 to February 3, the week offers opportunities for local church activities, as well as interdenominational worship and fellowship events.

Christian youth will be discussing possible vocations in groups of persons interested in similar occupations. The theme is particularly relevant to THE YEAR OF THE MINISTRY in our brotherhood life.

Plans for Youth Week should be made immediately. An excellent packet of materials can be secured from the National Council of Churches, 120 E. 23rd Street, New York 10, N.Y. It includes a youth week manual, poster, radio play, worship service, and other helpful material.

PENSION FUND ADDS TO BENEFITS WITHOUT ADDED COST TO CONTRIBUTORS

New and increased benefits of the expanded Pension Plan went into effect October 1, 1956, without any added cost to church or member.

For most members this increases the active service death benefits from 12 months to 18 months salary, payable in a lump sum with the basic $1,000. The cash death benefits have a combined maximum of $11,000. Widow, minor child, and full orphan pensions continue on the regular scale. However, there is for each surviving child an added scholarship benefit of $2,000 payable $500 a year for each of four years in college.

The pension for total and permanent disability is raised from $900 to $1,200 a year. The death benefits for death in disability to age sixty-five are increased up to $10,000.

The Pensioner Death Benefit for retired and disabled pensioners beyond age sixty-five is increased from $500 to $750.

News and Picture DEADLINE December 15

TEEN-AGE GIVING INCREASES

Young people of Oregon increased their Christian World Friendship Fund giving in 1955-56 to $2433 from $1850 in 1954-55, a 31 per cent increase. Nationally, youth gave $134,069 over $9,000 above the goal of $125,000. This indicates that young people, through interesting mission studies and every-Sunday giving, are sharing more substantially in helping to finance the foreign, home missionary and Christian education work of our brotherhood. Congratulations to all young people for their wonderful response to a concern for others!

NOW IT IS TIME TO TAKE STOCK AND SEE HOW YOUR GROUP IS DOING! The missionary year is half gone! Is one-half of your goal raised and sent in? Let's not delay our giving until the end of the year—expenses go on and money must be received regularly if the work of Christ is to prosper.

Many young people are giving personally at least $9.33, the cost of one minute of our work around the world. WITH EFFORT AND ENTHUSIASM, EVERY YOUNG PERSON CAN FINANCE ONE OR MORE MINUTES.

Let's go, teen-agers! Let's really go to work on our giving to missions this year.

"BRIDGING YESTERDAY WITH TOMORROW"

A new missionary filmstrip is available from the state office, 603 Panama Building, Portland. It is an interpretation of the strategy of world missions, and the philosophy and methods for continued missionary work in our day. The scenes were made on the mission field. It is in color with record. Rental price is $1.50.

WEEK OF COMPASSION
February 17-24, 1957

Ragged clothes and bare toes emphasize the plight of these children of Greece. They live in one room on a diet of corn. Their father works as a day laborer — when he can find work to do. Their eyes tell a story of hardship which they do not understand, and their hearts yearn for a ray of hope.

Providing hope for the hopeless, homes for the homeless, food for the hungry, jobs for the jobless, and spiritual sustenance for all — this is our responsibility This - and more! It is a tremendous task in which we share through our Week of Compassion offering on February 24, 1957. If we have compassion, we will share with these barefoot youngsters and with the millions of needy in our world.

THIS WEEK WE SHARE!

Glen Brown Speaks to 90 & 9 Men at Rally

The Northwest District Ninety & Nine Rally was held at the Mallory Avenue Christian Church, November 26, '56. Glen Brown brought the message of the evening. Special music was furnished by the local church, and a directors' meeting was held at the close of the meeting.

Elmer C. Walters, Reporter

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES

LAWRENCE PORTER reports to the OSC faculty group, composed of faculty and staff who are members of the Christian Church, at its quarterly dinner.

LAWRENCE PORTER MINISTER TO STUDENTS CORVALLIS CHRISTIAN HOUSE

Christian House provided the setting for the quarterly Faculty and Staff Dinner, late in October. Allen Horn was elected chairman of the group for the coming year.

There are 44 members of the O.S.C. faculty and staff who are or have been members of the Christian Church. There are 49 married couples and single students on the campus who are members or express a preference for the Christian Church.

For all students who could not go home for Thanksgiving, there was a Thanksgiving Dinner at Christian House, November 23. The Disciples Student Fellowship at Corvallis held its fall retreat at Silver Creek Falls State Park, December 1 and 2. It was a time of work, worship, and recreation.

Several from Corvallis are planning to go to the Pacific Northwest United Student Christian Council Study Conference at Pacific Lutheran College near Tacoma, December 27 to December 31.

STUDENT FELLOWSHIP at Christian House, Eugene, exemplifies the relaxed, informal atmosphere that today's college students prefer.

DULCINA ELLIOTT REPORTS FROM EUGENE CHRISTIAN HOUSE

All Dutch students on the University of Oregon campus attended the first International Dinner of the season at the Eugene Christian House in November. The House's scholarship student, Bob Simons, was in charge of arrangements, with Lorenah Bendshadler as co-chairman. Special guests were the Hans Von der Linden family recently brought to this country by First Christian from the Netherlands under the Refugee act. Pictures of Holland were shown by the Clarence Hydes, and a gay and informative evening was enjoyed by a capacity crowd. One thing learned was that Dutch students do not understand the American electoral system!

The Social Welfare department of the United Christian Missionary Society has offered a scholarship to Wynn Dahlgren, host at Christian House, to attend the United Nations Seminar in New York City, Dec. 3-7 in New York City. Wynn was recently elected chairman of the University delegation to the Pacific Coast Model UN. Wynn is getting his Ph.D. in Political Science. We all expect to learn more of the United Nations through his sharing when he returns.

On Sunday evening, November 18, the students held a Birthday party in honor of Dr. Victor P. Morris, who has been chairman of the Eugene Christian House Board ever since it started. Other members of the Board plus officers of the State Foundation were guests. His current Sunday morning class at the House is on "The Source of Human Good". Special Sunday evening speakers recently on "This I Believe" have included Profs. R. J. Richman, Paul B. Means, and L. S. Cressman of the University faculty, and ministers Don Helseth, Carroll C. Roberts, and Wayne Greene. Harold Lyman was an earlier guest speaker, too.

THAILAND SCHOOLS IMPROVED

The Boys' and Girls' schools at Nakon Pathom report recent improvements: A former lunchroom at the Boys' school was converted into a much needed extension for the first grade. A new lunchroom was built and the bicycle shed enlarged.

The Girls' school put in concrete floor for seven classrooms in the long row of schoolrooms converted from thatched sheds to a substantial building. Now desks can stand evenly without teetering on what had been uneven dirt.

ADDING UP THE ACTIVITIES OF ADDLEMAN

This report covers the period from October 13 through November 13. I brought a message at Powell Butte Church in behalf of the Oregon Temperance League, and attended most of the sessions of the Town and Country Church Conference at Oregon State College at Corvallis.

The time from October 18 through November 1 was spent on the Convention on Wheels tour of the state. Visited the 110th Anniversary of the Amity Church, attended an Executive Committee meeting of the state board and a committee meeting of the Regional DSF conference. Preached at McKenzie Bridge and held an afternoon conference on state work.

I attended a conference of a special committee of the Oregon Council of Churches, the Planning and Strategy Committee of the Oregon Council of Churches, Board meeting of the Cedar Hills Church, Executive Committee of the Portland Council of Churches, the YMCA World Service dinner, and the Capital for Kingdom meeting in Portland.

I preached at Elkton and held an afternoon conference on state work. Visited evening program at Eugene Christian House. Eight days were spent in the office with eight office conferences.

Chas. H. Addleman

MEDITATIONS FOR LORD'S SUPPER PUBLISHED

To help in placing the rightful emphasis on the Lord's Supper as the apex of worship experience. Dr. Carlton C. Buck has collected in AT THE LORD'S TABLE, fifty-five meditations for use either at the Lord's Supper or in private, personal preparation for that great experience. The book is designed to be a successor to the widely used AT THE MASTER'S TABLE by B. A. Abbot, published in 1925.

It was written by devout Christian men from a wide range of vocations including pastors, laymen, teachers, executives and many others.

Each of the units of meditation is comprised of text, meditation, scripture and prayers for the loaf and cup. In addition, the book includes a service for shut-ins and a chapter on the conduct and qualifications of an Elder and on the background of the Lord's Supper.

The meditations might also well be used as devotional material but the essential importance of this book is its emphasis that mankind follow the commandment of Christ: "This do, in remembrance of me."

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

Statistics that speak for themselves show steady gains by Christian Women's Fellowships in 1955-56. The program is coordinated by the C.W.F. department of The United Christian Missionary Society. Christian church women operated 4,154 local C.W.F. units with 248,935 members as compared with 4,172 units with 235,529 members the year before.

Offerings including regular gifts, Love Gifts for the training of new workers on the mission fields, and Capital for Kingdom Building offerings totaled $1,555,171, up from $1,453,112 in 1954-55, a gain of $102,058 or 6.7 per cent. We are grateful for this gain. However, it fell short of the ten per cent we have set for ourselves for each year from 1950 to 1960. We hope to bring it up this year. The CWFs of Oregon, South Idaho, and Utah, along with those of the other states, shared in these victories.

Mrs. Robert Terhune, Jefferson, secretary of district four, entertained her CWF presidents with a dessert luncheon in her home on September 14. On October 22, Mrs. Clarence P. Smith, Portland, secretary of district one, and Mrs. H. J. Feldman, secretary of district three, entertained their presidents with a luncheon in the home of Mrs. Feldman in Forest Grove.

The objective of these meetings was closer fellowship, officer instruction and information. Miss Ruth Kinney, Living Link missionary of the Forest Grove church, on furlough from India, was guest speaker at the Forest Grove meeting. Mrs. Cecil Youngstrom, Portland, state C.W.F. president, and Edna Burke also took part.

I am happy to announce that two new C.W.F. organizations have been consummated in Oregon this fall, one in the Myrtle Point church, the other in Newport. Officers have been elected and installed, officer training periods have been conducted by members of the CWF state board, materials given out, and regular meetings are being held.

The Winston church has an enthusiastic, thriving organization which has been functioning as a Christian Women's Fellowship for more than a year. During a recent visit to this group, it was my privilege to help them complete their plans for future work. We anticipate real progress by these three groups this year.

Miss Itoka Maeda, first Japanese national ever commissioned as a missionary by The United Society, hopes to fulfil what she sees as her "special responsibility" in the new united work in Okinawa. Having completed three years in training in the United States ad 13 years in Christian teaching at home, she will carry the Gospel and also seek to interpret American views and those of the new Japan, to the Okinawans.

Miss Maeda was a guest in the C.W.F. state board Retreat and Planning conference at Lewis and Clark college, Portland, in the summer of 1954, sharing many things of vital interest and concern about missionary work in Japan. During the period that Miss Jessie Trout served as an educational missionary in Japan, Miss Maeda was one of her star pupils.

Panel to Re-Examine Doctrine

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 12, 1956.—The appointment of a panel of scholars to re-examine Disciples of Christ (Christian Churches) thought and doctrine has been announced here. Dr. Howard E. Short, professor of church history, The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., will serve as chairman of the 14-member study group.

Panel members include leading scholars from seven Disciple seminaries and one state university, and two ministers from Disciples of Christ churches.

Purpose of the study group is to re-examine, in a scholarly way, the beliefs and doctrines of the Disciples of Christ.

Forest Grove Burns Mortgage

Last October the Forest Grove Christian Church celebrated the burning of the mortgage which was assumed in 1948. The special ceremony was incorporated into the regular morning worship when Elby Boosinger, minister of the church, made a few brief remarks about the progress of the church during the past ten years. He then read a letter from John Boosinger, former pastor of the church.

Following these remarks three of the elders of the church—Orval Hutchens, Arnold Goff, and Victor Spaulding—and a former member of the church, Dale Underwood, proceeded to the platform with the mortgage. Mr. Hutchens led the congregation in a responsive reading and prayer. At this time Victor Spaulding lighted the match and set fire to the mortgage. The congregation arose and sang the Doxology. The ceremony climaxed eight years and four months of effort in retiring the indebtedness of the church property.

Immediately following the worship service the congregation met in the social rooms for a dinner, and program arranged by Frank Tosch. Virgil Cedergreen acted as master of ceremonies. Other participants were Victor Spaulding, Neil McGlasson, Mrs. Arnold Goff, and Dr. John Wood. There were over 35 out-of-town guests, mostly former members in nearby towns. The meeting concluded with a challenge for the future brought by Mr. Boosinger.

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NYSSA: Christian church headed a religious census under the ministerial association, with Earl Hastings as president. Mr. Webb Pennie, leading man of our church, passed away October 14. Earl Hastings, minister.

ALBANY: A well-attended Father and Son banquet was held in September, and in October the C.W.F. held a birthday luncheon, with about 100 women in attendance. Lawrence Porter was speaker for the October church-night dinner, telling us of the work at Christian House. Lester Jones, pastor.

JEFFERSON: Pastor and three members were on a survey panel at the Oregon Town and Country conference in October. Plans are being made for a meeting in November with Lawrence Baird. Pastor spoke at a youth rally at the St. John's church in Portland on October 13. Mrs. Virgil Bailes, reporter. Vern Gomez, pastor.

MILWAUKIE: Deacons are heading all committees for participation in the Jones-Keister city-wide evangelistic campaign which includes Portland and adjoining territory and which will continue until Easter. Twenty-five members of our youth choir journeyed to Corbett recently, where they provided an hour of music for the evening service. At the regular youth night service in September, special music was provided by the N.C.C. quartet, and Hartzell Cobbs brought the message.

Alger Fitch, minister. Mrs. Wm. Van Antwerp, reporter.

HOOD RIVER - VALLEY: We reached a new attendance record on November 4 with 203 present for Bible school. As a reward, Rev. Leo Horner carried out his promise, "If you get 200 members here, I'll stand on my head and sing the Rally day song." A new Chi Rho group has been started under the direction of Mrs. Frank Wimmers.

Fifteen C.Y.F. members attended the Mount Hood CE union meeting in Mosier on October 20. with Lawrence Porter from Christian House in Corvallis as guest speaker. **We are trying to triple our subscriptions to the Oregon Christian before Christmas.** Mrs. John Stranahan is in charge of sales.

HEPPNER: The new parsonage was dedicated October 14. The two weeks with Lawrence and Mary Carty were marvelous. There were seven baptisms, and three by statement. The average attendance was 72. On November 11 there were 130 in Bible school. Charles V. Knox, minister.

REDMOND: The Convention on Wheels with the Wings-over-Jordan choir was held here October 25. There were 75 at the banquet. We are observing a "Week of Missions," beginning November 25. Miss Goldie Ruth Wells will be speaker for the evening sessions.

LAKE GROVE: We have extended a call to Don R. Johnson of the Lincoln Park church in Tacoma, Washington. Plans are being made to participate in the district Jones-Keister evangelistic campaign. We have had one added by transfer since the last report. Ray Smith, interim pastor.

COQUILLE: We recently enjoyed an evening concert of sacred music by Jack Naff of Eugene. We served as host to Convention on Wheels, 320 attending. The new chapel choir (children) sang recently for an evening service and was well attended. Preparing to entertain the World Fellowship Youth Meet for Southern Oregon with the pastor directing.
Walter E. Naff, pastor.

MOSIER: Plans well under way to observe Universal Sunday. Walter A. Barnes, minister.

GLENDALE: Preparations are being made for a comunity Thanksgiving service to be held Wednesday evening, November 21, at the Assembly of God church. Ida A. Edson, reporter. Guy Armstrong, minister.

PORTLAND-SELLWOOD: We are participating in District One Jones-Keister evangelistic campaign. Bible school attendance is growing steadily, forcing renewed plans for classroom space. Robert Clevenger, minister.

ELKTON: Two added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Mr. Charles Addleman visited here November 11. A potluck dinner was held at noon. Youth night was held October 28 with Mrs. Brown, teacher in the grade school, holding a question match with Bible questions. Phillip Ryan, pastor.

PRINEVILLE: We are gaining in our attendance at Bible school and Sunday morning worship services. Mrs. Ferebee is leading the adult evening study group. We are planning for a meeting with Lawrence Baird in January. Alva Ferebee, pastor.

PEORIA: On November 4, election was held for both church and Bible school. A group attended the Willamette C. E. union rally at Holly on November 4. Margie Grimmer of the local group was elected vice-president of the union. Dean Propeck, pastor.

WINSTON: Five added by statement. Bible school attendance is holding above the 200 mark. Building is full for worship services. Evening attendance was almost doubled by special programs for 10 Sunday evenings. Pastor E. F. Coulter has resigned to accept a call to the East Side Christian church in Tacoma, Washington.

PORTLAND - CENTRAL: Meeting with the Parrish team closed on November 4 with a total of eighteen responses to the invitation. A total of 34 were added during the ten-week program. Closing day attendances were the best in a good number of years. Bible school was 570; 548 were in the morning service. Associate

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Minister Virgil R. Grogan conducted a two weeks meeting with the Corbett church, November 5-18.

A. L. Tiffin, pastor.

SILVERTON: Four added by baptism, 1 otherwise. The Chi Rho fellowship is very active. On the 4th they sang for shut-ins at the Nursing Home; they have a football team. We now have four choirs functioning: an all-boys' choir, a junior girls' choir, a junior high girls' choir, and a senior choir.

We were host to the District 99 Men's brotherhood in the last part of October.

I. M. Nelson, minister.

TOLEDO: There were 232 in the Bible school on homecoming day, October 28. Adult Bible study group meets at 7 on Sunday evenings, the same hour as the youth C. E. Walter E. Stram, minister.

CURTIN: For the month of October, we have had a higher Sunday school attendance. Besides our monthly youth party in which there were twenty-five out, we had a good turn-out of forty-three children and adults for our Halloween party. On November 17, we had a community sing with special numbers from local people. Mills Harriman, minister.

ONTARIO: Four added by statement. Eleven members of Bible school staff took courses at the College of Idaho. The Sunday school purchased a new filmstrip projector. The Workers' Conference purchased a new mimeograph. The public address system has been overhauled. Cultivation calls are under way as part of the Jones-Keister evangelistic clinic to be held in February.

Voted to increase the missionary giving to the Capital for Kingdom Building program.

H. H. Johnson, minister.

PORTLAND - FIRST: One added by baptism, 15 otherwise. A registration has been included each Sunday in the worship services. The results of the registration portend a great spring evangelism campaign. Harold Glen Brown, minister.

McKENZIE BRIDGE: During this year, there have been 20 additions to the church, 10 by baptism, and 10 by statement. Recently, our building having been remodeled, decorated, and enlarged, the entire structure was dedicated October 21. Hartzell Cobbs preached the dedicatory sermon. On November 4, C. H. Addleman made us a good visit and preached at the morning service and held a workers' conference in the afternoon.

The women's fellowship dinner nad bazaar, November 5, was a pronounced success. Mrs. Maple Stobie is the president. F. L. Cook, pastor.

NORTH BEND: The junior church, for ages 4 through 10, has resumed for the winter months, with complete service, including communion for those eligible. Mr. and Mrs. Don Berger in charge. Church grounds on main frontage were much improved by landscaping done by Elder Emeritus J. C. McDermott. Mrs. Charles Dennis, reporter. Clyde C. Blakley, minister.

HERMISTON: Eight added by baptism, 7 otherwise. We started Wednesday church night meetings with good success. One hundred twenty-seven attended on the first family night.

Jim Pfants, pastor.

FOREST GROVE: Two added by baptism, 2 otherwise. We have just enjoyed having Miss Ruth Kinney of India with us for a week's visit. During October the church stressed stewardship in nearly every meeting and concluded with an every-member canvass. Plans are under way to begin two Sunday morning Sunday schools and worship services. Elby Boosinger, minister.

BEND: The NCC quartet and Ed Eldridge were here Sunday evening, October 21. Thirty Bend people attended the Convention on Wheels in Redmond, October 25. Ed Eldridge and quartet met with thirty-five junior high and young people prior to the evening service on October 21.

H. Cecil Bever, minister.

SCIO: Held a monthly potluck dinner on November 4, after the morning services. We had visitors from Eugene and Portland. The afternoon was spent in good fellowship singing. Almost every class at the church had Halloween parties. Mrs. Glenn O. Clayton, reporter. William Hays, minister.

CARLTON: Mrs. Gladys Osborn preached for the minister, October 28, and had the surprise and joy of receiving her own father and mother by transfer of membership. Dr. T. M. White, minister.

PORTLAND - SOUTHWEST: Five added by statement. Dorothy Uhlig spoke to us on Sunday, December 2. Made our final payment on our church property in December. Have rough plans drawn up for our new church home. Mrs. Ivan Scott, reporter. Wayne V. Jensen, minister.

ATHENA: New missionary group organized for young married women. Budget for coming year approved at $15,000, separate from the building fund. Extensive building and remodeling program to be completed by January 1. Last year in many ways one of the best in forty years. The **Athena Christian** printed locally each month well received and much circulated. C. Paul Moore, minister.

EUGENE - ALLISON PARK: One more added by statement. Bible school up to 111. We celebrated our fifth birthday on November 18. Since February we have reduced our loan indebtedness nearly one thousand dolars. O. F. Mick, minister.

PORTLAND - KERN PARK: Six added by baptism, 8 added by statement. CWF trip to White Swan Indian mission was on October 23. Kenneth Johnston, minister.

EUGENE - UNIVERSITY: Two added by baptism, 11 by statement. Construction on new education unit is progressing rapidly and will be completed by January 1. A successful stewardship campaign was conducted in September, led by Gordon Maxfield, an elder in our congregation. George Keillor, a junior at NCC, has been engaged as Youth Director. Leo Woodruff, minister.

SUTHERLIN: On November 18-21, Jack Sutton, Jr., led a stewardship rally here. On Tuesday night, November 20, special guests were the District Ninety and Nine and their wives. Wm. Richardson, minister.

LEBANON: Two added by baptism, 4 otherwise. November was stewardship education month. All departments have laid aside other materials for the month and have concentrated upon the stewardship of tithing. The every-member canvass to liquidate the building debt and underwrite the budget was conducted the first week in December. L. O. White, minister.

OREGON CITY: Two added by baptism, 7 otherwise. Finishing up of our new building. Courtyard is being planted with lawn and shrubs. Entering area evangelistic effort. H. Hutchins, minister. **SALEM - COURT STREET:** Attention and interest high for a six-week Sunday evening Christian home and family life institute. Preliminary plans are being made for a new educational building. W. Harold Lyman, minister.

HALSEY: Church life revival held October 21-28. Wayne Bryant brought the messages. Song leaders were Wayne Bryant, Betty Bryant, Jack Naff, Jerry Sawyer, and Harold Williamson. Warren H. Sechler, minister.

MYRTLE CREEK: Six added by baptism, 5 otherwise. C.W.F. gave the third annual salmon dinner November 6. We sent $54 to White Swan on proceeds from the dinner. Just installed a 400,000 B.T.U. oil forced-air furnace. Earl Sample, minister.

EUGENE - BETHEL: Began Bible school attendance contest with Norkenzie church, October 21. Bethel has won the first four Sundays. Bob Brown and Doyle Dobbins, NCC students, brought messages in November and Bob Bray and James Churchwell in December. Don Westerland, pastor.

PORTLAND - MALLORY AVENUE: We are entering upon our spiritual enrichment crusade with Jack Sutton, also climaxing our every member enlistment with dedication day on the 18th. Plans are moving along for the Jones-Keister evangelistic program for the annual School of Missions, January 6-February 10. Marion Nilsson, minister.

ROSEBURG: Ten added by baptism. Because of the growth in our Bible school, plans are being prepared to add a third floor to our educational plant. Newell Mor-

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gan, minister. **SEASIDE:** Four added by statement: Bible school has grown from an average of 36 in June and July to 57 in October. B. Ross Evans, pastor.

CEDAR HILLS: The first unit of our new church building is nearing completion and we met there beginning December 2. The men of the church took complete charge of the morning service on Laymen's Sunday, including the sermon and the special music. Elmer G. Boyer, minister.

BURNS: Two added by baptism, 3 otherwise. We had the Convention on Wheels on October 26. Len Fishback, minister, led in a Protestant Mission at the radar station, November 13-16.

SPRINGFIELD: Seventeen added by statement; all but three are NCC student memberships. The C.Y.F. is sponsoring a play night for high school youth, every other Saturday, at one of the school gymnasiums. Wayne Bryant became minister of music on November 18. Howard Larsen, minister.

GRANTS PASS: Wings-over-Jordan choir stopped for luncheon provided by C.W.F. A large delegation attended World Community Day sessions in local Baptist church. We were hosts for the area Capital for Kingdom Building dinner with Robert Lemon of Paraguay and Ellsworth Lewis of Africa as guest leaders.
Mrs. Clausen Brooks, reporter.
Robert Neal, minister.

HILLSBORO: Two added by baptism, 6 otherwise. Evening attendance stressed all through October and our average was over 100 each of the Sunday evenings in October. Our young people attended a youth rally in Portland. C.W.F. ladies visited the Beaverton Home, as is their custom each year in November. Bible school is around 400. Jack Hann, minister.

GLENEDEN BEACH: NCC male quartet presented a concert during the Bible school hour, November 4. On November 3, three young people, the minister, and his wife attended the Coast Union C.E. convention in Newport. Earl Gibbs, minister.

PORTLAND-PARKROSE: Meeting begun with Larry Baird. The tile has been laid on the main auditorium floor and work continues on the building. Dallas Meserve, minister.

WI-NE-MA: We had a meeting with the Parrish team, November 17-December 2. A baptistry has been added to the chapel. William F. Morse, minister.

CRABTREE: Two added by baptism, 2 otherwise. The annual Homecoming service was favored with good weather this year and with a large gathering of former members of the church. Prof. Ward Rice was the guest speaker and the NCC quartet furnished special music.

The Crabtree Ladies Trio, and Robert and Mildred Hendershott were also after-dinner singers. Robert Church, minister.

MT. VERNON: November 4 was Hospitality Day here. Members invited others in the neighborhood to church, then took them home as guests to dinner. Bible school attendance the last three Sundays has been 30 above last year's. There were 40 children present at the junior C. E. Hallowe'en party. Pastor Douglas Priest makes the Sunday evening services interesting by having Bible quizzes, testimonies, etc., occasionally, in place of preaching. Mrs. W. M. Sawyer, reporter.

PORTLAND - SOUTHEAST: Our Loyalty campaign resulted in increased attendance in all services. We are in the final stage of our building program. When finished we will have a sanctuary that will seat approximately 350 people and should be able to accommodate 500 people in Bible school. Gene Chamberlain, minister.

HARRISBURG: The church was happy to receive an $85 award from the Town and Country church conference. We placed third in our category. Children are being gathered from the outlying districts by bus for Bible school. Vivian Blehm, reporter. Wm. Siefke, pastor.

ROCKAWAY: Planning conferences have been a large part of the congregation's work in the past month. New hymnals were purchased and dedication services were held. Don Summers, pastor.

ALBANY - EASTSIDE: Two added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Held a twelve-day meeting with Lawrence Baird which closed November 11, with good results. Attendance averaged better than 50. Bible school reached 141 on closing day. The return meeting in March. Bible school is church board engaged Brother Baird for a averaging 50 per cent above that of last year. We have had 31 additions so far this year. Ivan Correll, pastor.

NORTH PLAINS: Two added by statement. The Women's fellowship held a dinner to honor new members added during the year. John Myers, pastor.

ST. HELENS: We had representation and small delegations in Portland for the Church Life Institute, the state Ninety and Nine Men's Convention, the setup meeting for the area Jones-Keister evangelistic campaign next spring and the Convention on Wheels. This fall Mrs. Putnam has been conducting a series of Sunday evening services in which every person present participates.

November 4-11 was our week of evangelism. Three nights of cultivation calling preceded a week of evangelistic preaching by Wayne Bryant, NCC student-evangelist. There were three additions by baptism. R. L. Putnam, minister.

PORTLAND - ENGLEWOOD: Two by baptism, 8 otherwise. We are in the process of selecting an architect for the new educational building soon to be erected. The pledged amount of $58.00 is coming in regularly. Richard Holliday, a senior at NCC, and for two years an Oregon State College student, is doing a fine job week ends as youth director. The Chi Rho and C.Y.F. groups maintain an average Sunday mornings of 45 each and all of them attend worship service.

The C.Y.F., because of its gift last year of $275 to the C.W.F.F., was listed among the forty top youth groups in the nation in giving. Clay J. Pomeroy, minister.

MILTON-FREEWATER: During the pastor's absence at The Dalles, where he assisted in the Visitation Evangelism campaign, Dean Heubach of Walla Walla College spoke, November 11, representing the Oregon Temperance League. Two weeks of gospel preaching by Alger Fitch were held November 25 - December 7. On November 26, rest night, a delegation went to Pendleton to hear Jesse Bader.

Goldie Wells and the School of Missions was a grand success. A large crowd enjoyed the Wings-over-Jordan choir and the Convention on Wheels. Truman Robbins, minister.

MILL CITY: Several of our juniors united with those from the other churches to "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF on Hallowe'en night, and collected nearly $54 for the needy children of the world. Cooperated in the annual Thanksgiving service Thanksgiving eve, with L. O. White, minister at Lebanon, bringing the message. Hugh Jull, minister.

BEAVERTON: Two added by baptism, 2 otherwise. Exterior of church has been painted. A new Conn electronic organ was recently installed. Our fall "round-up" under the leadership of Alger Fitch was a fine success. Thomas Courtney, minister.

EUGENE - WESTSIDE: One added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Harry Baird of Walla Walla held two-week evangelistic meeting, November 5-18. Bible school attendance is averaging 30 per cent over year ago. L. Elwell, minister.

EUGENE - FIRST: Three added by baptism, 15 otherwise. Our Family World Friendship series, "Missions-USA", proved very successful. It ended with a Festival Indian "Ta Kwat A Sha" (salmon dinner). Mrs. Clifton Peightal (Arlene Hendricks) was the speaker for the occasion, she being the Home Missions Living Link through our C.W.F. at our Yakima Indian Christian Mission.

Decorations carried out the Indian motif and an interest center enhanced the idea of our link with the mission and also served for the receiving of the offering and its dedication for the Mission. Mrs. Ellen Stokes, reporter. Carroll C. Roberts, minister.

PENDLETON: Three added by statement. Served as host to the Capital for Kingdom Building dinner for this area. Pastor served on the staff of the National Youth Leaders' Training school in Memphis, Tennessee. During the pastor's absence, two laymen, Robert Harper and Gray Thompson, supplied the pulpit. Donald Payne, minister.

CORVALLIS: Church school attendance is rising, with an average of 302 for October (Church Loyalty Month). The 1957 budget of over $32,000 has been adopted and is being underwritten. This is the largest in our history and includes nearly $11,000 for "others."

The youth group has been reactivated and is developing in numbers and program.

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